# Friends of Christ Church Cathedral

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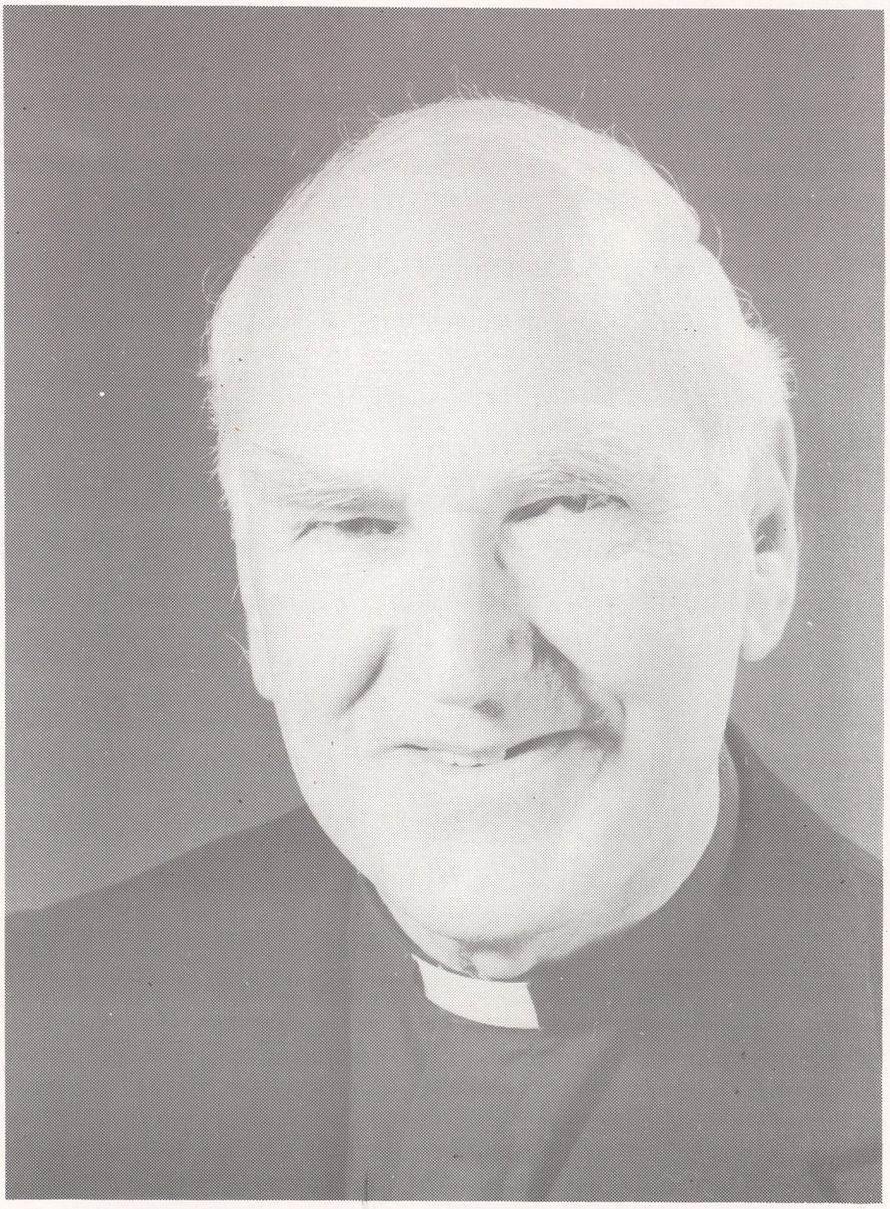

## DEAN SALMON RETIRES

PATRON: The Archbishop of Dublin. CHAIRMAN: The Dean of Christ Church
VICE CHAIRMEN: The Archdeacon of Dublin; The Archdeacon of Glendalough; The Rev. Canon G.H.J. Burrows.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION TO: The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. T.O. Read, The Chapter House, Christchurch Place, Dublin 8.
MINIMUM SUBSCRIPTIONS: Individual – £5, Family – £7.50, Overseas – $10; Friends are asked to give more if they can.

## Letter from the Archbishop

**Dear Friends,**

In a lecture on Christ Church Cathedral given by the new Dean, the Very Reverend T.N.D.C. Salmon on St. Stephen's Day, 1967, he defended his choice of title for the lecture which was "Christ Church, yesterday, today and tomorrow," against a well-meaning but sceptical friend who had commented "Is there a tomorrow ?" for Christ Church. The Dean wrote "I believe there is a 'Tomorrow' .... if the people of Dublin and Glendalough wish it to be so." We are now living in that 'Tomorrow', so we can see and feel and know how true the Dean's prophecy was, and as with many deep prophecies we can see how great a part the prophet played in fulfilling it.

Dean Salmon has been both resident saint and scholar as well as pastor, priest and prophet, and in all these roles the evidence of his achievement is all about us today. "Si monumentum quaeris, circumspice"; not only the magnificently restored and renovated building of the Cathedral, and that is an achievement which has put the whole nation in his debt, but the great host of people of every kind who have been drawn to the Cathedral Church because here they have found a friend, a counsellor, who seeks nothing for himself, but only to serve the best interests of other people and through them, his Lord and Master Jesus Christ. This is the monument.

It would be possible to read the curriculum vitae of Tom Salmon and to be greatly impressed by the vast range of his experience in the Church of Ireland as curate (north and south), rector, canon, dean; north and south, as University lecturer, administrator, wise negotiator on a whole range of issues, one who can reduce argument and restore friendship, and yet perhaps to miss what is vouchsafed to all who have the privilege of knowing him personally: the kindness, the sensitive wisdom, the deep perception, which makes his counsel and spiritual direction so valuable and so widely sought. He is spiritually translucent; the light of the Gospel shines through him; and in official retirement the qualities which make Tom Salmon Tom Salmon will not disappear, but will perhaps have even wider rein, and be available as they always have been to all who need them.

To Tom and Gertrude, who also has given to this Cathedral a love and devotion expressed in untiring work and commitment, we express our thanks, our love and the wish for many years of happy retirement. "Where there is no vision the people perish"; in Christ Church Cathedral the people thrive, because they have had a prophet, a man of vision, as their Dean and his prophecy will continue to be fulfilled: Christ Church, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,

+ Donald Dublin.

Archbishop

# PRESENTATIONS TO DEAN SALMON

To mark his retirement as Dean of Christ Church Cathedral a number of presentations were made to the Very Reverend T.N.D.C. Salmon. On Saturday 14th January, at a reception in Rathdown School, Glenageary, he received a presentation from friends and from the Cathedral. The large attendance included Archbishop Caird; Bishop H.R. McAdoo; the Right Reverend Edward Darling, Bishop of Limerick & Killaloe; Mr. F. Feely, the City manager; Alderman Carmencita Hederman, the former Lord Mayor; colleagues and friends of the Dean. Fr. F.X. Martin, the historian, and Fr. Dermot McCarthy of the Pro-Cathedral, were also present. Among those who sent apologies for non-attendance were the Papal Nuncio, Dr. Alibrandi, and Mrs. Rita Childers.

Speaking before the presentation Mr. Terence Read, honorary treasurer of the Friends, said that in each of his roles as priest, teacher, pastor and colleague, Dean Salmon's work could be summed up in one word, "care". In his 21 years as Dean, nothing was too much trouble for him, and he recalled his great work in restoring the Cathedral which is now resplendent and ready for the next millennium. Throughout all his work the Dean was guided by the belief that the cathedral was people, not stones, and he constantly spoke of the cathedral family, of staff, choir and congregation. To the people of the Dioceses and to visitors he said, "This is your church", and emphasised that it was a place of prayer to which all were welcome. He concluded by thanking Miss Gertrude Salmon for her staunch support of the Cathedral. Mr. Read presented the Dean with a cheque and a book in which the names of the subscribers were inscribed.

In his reply the Dean thanked Mr. Read for his generous words and gifts. Everyone present had helped and supported him in all he had attempted. He thanked the Friends of the Cathedral and the members of the Restoration

**A section of the large attendance at Rathdown School, Glenageary, on Saturday 14th January for the presentation to Dean Salmon from the Cathedral and his many friends and colleagues.** Photo : Beryl Stone

**The Archbishop; Dean Salmon; Mr. Garrett Walker, Honorary Secretary to the Diocesan Council; and the Ven. Gordon Linney, Archdeacon of Dublin, at the presentation to Dean Salmon after Evensong in the Cathedral on Sunday 15th January.**

Photo : Beryl Stone

Committee for all their help. He also expressed his gratitude to those who performed the many tasks necessary in the Cathedral, the bell-ringers, the organist and choir, the flower-arrangers, those who acted as guides, or who looked after the shop and the welcome area. He recalled some of the great occasions of his time as Dean, particularly visiting Taize with Fr. McCarthy from the Pro-Cathedral. Concluding he thanked Miss Mew, Headmistress of Rathdown School, for her hospitality and welcomed his successor, Dean John Paterson.

On Sunday 15th January, after Evensong in the Cathedral, tributes on behalf of the Dioceses were paid to the Dean by the Archbishop, Archdeacon Linney and Mr. Garrett Walker, honorary secretary of the Diocesan Council. A large number of clergy and lay-readers robed for the service. In his speech the Archbishop described the Dean as a saint and a scholar. "One who seeks nothing for himself but only to serve the best interests of other people and through them his Lord and Master, Jesus Christ," and he went on, "He is spiritually translucent, the light of the Gospel shines through him; and in his retirement the qualities which make Tom Salmon Tom Salmon will not disappear, but will perhaps have even wider rein." He presented the Dean with a cheque and two silver medallions, one commemorating Dublin's Millennium and the other the Cathedral's 950th anniversary. The Archdeacon of Glendalough, the Venerable H. Vanston, presented Miss Gertrude Salmon with a mohair rug and thanked her for her care of her brother and her work in the Cathedral. The Dean also received a presentation from Mr. H. Fisher on behalf of the Guild of Lay-Readers of the Dioceses.

Valerie Jones.

# Dear Friend

Once again, we would like to thank the Friends for all their help and support in 1988, and to say a special word of welcome to the many new Friends who joined during a very special year in the Cathedral's history.

**PARTY FOR CATHEDRAL HELPERS**

Over 70 people were invited to the Dean's tea party for helpers - an indication of the support given to the Cathedral during 1988. The party was a very happy function, held once again in Aravon School by kind invitation of Mr. & Mrs. Terence O'Malley. The guests were also entertained by the youthful string quartet of Dierdre O'Kane, Nicola Sweeney, Rachel and Timmy Crooks, who all play in the Dublin Orchestra for Young Players.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Thanks to your help, we comfortably achieved our target of raising the membership to 500. Happily our 500th Friends, Mr. Don Macaulay, joined at the Diocesan Synod in October and our photograph shows him receiving a gift of a crystal bell from the Dean.

**Please keep up the good work in 1989 by trying to recruit at least one new Friend during the year.** It should not be too difficult. There is a great tide of goodwill flowing towards the Christ Church, and the bonds between the Cathedral and the parishes of the United Dioceses have never been stronger. The tremendous help given by many parishes during the Flower Festival last May was just one example of this.

Speaking of bonds being strengthened, no-one has done more to bring this about than the indefatigable Harry Carroll whose organisation of the Diocesan Quiz has brought him to all corners of the Dioceses. His latest idea of the American Dinner Party is proving fun for all who participate and Jury's generous sponsorship adds the spice of competition. Do try it!

**FLOWERS**

We have been able to have flowers in the Cathedral all through the year. Very many thanks to all those who have supplied and arranged them, and contributed to the cost. A special thanks to John Ware, the Dean's Verger, who co-ordinated this. John will no longer be working fulltime in the Cathedral and we wish him well in his new activities. Valerie Hade has kindly taken on the co-ordination of the flower rota, and if you would like to help in this please contact her direct (Home-907754;Cathedral-778099).

**CATHEDRAL GIFT SHOP**

The Shop had record sales in 1988 and the many helpers were much appreciated. A special word of thanks to our ever helpful and cheerful Denise McGowan, who does so much for the shop and the care of helpers - always ready to instruct in the use of the cash register, or produce a cup of coffee! The Shop will open full-time (10.30-4.30;Mon-Sat) from 1st May. Most helpers prefer to do a morning or an afternoon, 10.30-1.30 and 1.30-4.30. Please write or phone June Hart direct (Home-907215;CCC-778099).

**WELCOME AREA**

The Cathedral received over 100,000 visitors from many lands during 1988. Our sincere thanks are due to the many welcomers who helped during the year, and especially Charles Bentley who does such sterling work, not only in the busy summer months but throughout the winter as well.

**RESTORATION OF CHAIRS**

Over 160 chairs have now been restored, and the project continues. The cost of sponsoring a chair is £25, and a small brass plate can be made if desired, at a cost of £5. The plate will take 3 lines, of which the first is standard for all plates, and reads:"RESTORED IN 1989 IN MEMORY OF". If you would like to sponsor a chair or know someone who might, you are invited to use the enclosed green form.

# Sunday Schools Millennium Service

There was a large congregation at Christ Church Cathedral for the annual Advent service of the Sunday School Society. This year the focus of the service was on Dublin and particularly the Christ Church Cathedral, which is celebrating its 950th anniversary. Among the congregation were the Lord Mayor, Councillor Ben Briscoe, and the City Manager, Mr F Feely. Many children took part in the service and members of different Sunday Schools, throughout the dioceses, acted the story of the cathedral through the ages.

The service began with children from Kilternan Parish leading the procession of clergy with a colourful banner, proclaiming 'Dublin makes way for Jesus'.

Following a welcome by the Dean, the Very Reverend T Salmon, the foundation of the cathedral by King Sitric was dramatised by members of Kill O' the Grange Sunday School. Strongbow and Archbishop Lawrence O'Toole came next acted by Taney Parish. Rathmines Sunday School told of the introduction of printing to Ireland and of the reading of the first translation of the Bible in English in the Cathedral. Children from Tallaght Parish portrayed Dean Swift, Molly Malone and Handel while the foundation of the first Sunday School in Dublin at St Catherine's Parish in 1786 and the Sunday School Society in 1809 was related by young people from Raheny Parish. The story of the cathedral ended with Rathfarnham Parish telling of the foundation of organisations for children — the Boys' Brigade, the Girls' Brigade, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Guides, Scripture Union and the Girls' Friendly Society. The narrator was Mr Vere Wynne Jones from RTE, himself a former Sunday School leader, and each story was introduced by members of Tullow Sunday School with a brief ringing of handbells.

***Archbishop Laurence O'Toole, Nicola Blain, meets Strongbow, Darren Nesbitt. Nicola and Darren are from Taney Sunday School.***

This year the service had an ecumenical aspect and the stories of the cathedral were interspersed with congregational hymns, prayers led by members of Dun Laoghaire Methodist Sunday School, a Bible reading by members of Adelaide Road/Donore Presbyterian Sunday School, while girls from St Vincent's Girls' National School, North William Street, sang an Advent song, 'Come O Lord'. Clergy from the visiting churches included Fr Paddy Devine, the Reverend Peter Duffin and the Reverend David Neilands. The choir for the service was provided by St Andrew's parish National School, Malahide, conducted by their choirmaster, Rodney Baldwin. The history of the cathedral ended with a candlelight procession of all the participants. A short address was given by the Archbishop,

## *Church history expressed in drama and song*

***Bishop G O Simms, the President of the Sunday School Society, with his grandsons (L) Daniel and Owen Frazer, from Rathmines Parish Sunday School. Owen was Archbishop Corren, while Daniel acted as his chaplain.***

Dr Caird, who linked his thoughts with the candles of the children to the changing lighting systems in the cathedral over the years — candles at its beginning, oil lamps in the eighteenth century, then gas light and finally electricity which we have today. He also mentioned some of the changes which have taken place in transport in the 950 years and wondered what changes will occur in the next one hundred years. "No matter what changes happen, God does not change", said the Archbishop.

The offertory was divided between the Children's Hospital, Crumlin and the Irish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The service was organised by Beryl Stone, a member of the Sunday School Society's committee, who also wrote the scripts, and she and the large number of Sunday School leaders who helped with the rehearsals, the costumes and the organisation on the day, are to be congratulated on their contribution to Dublin's Millennium.

***Valerie Jones***

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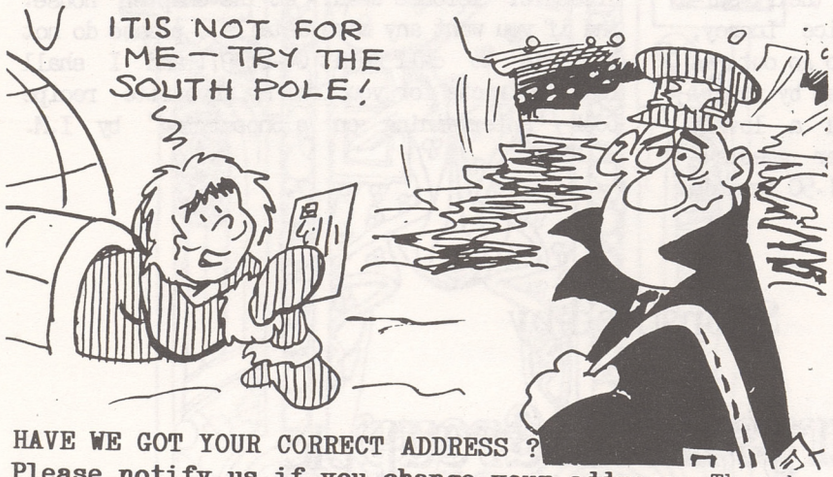


**HAVE WE GOT YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS ?**

**Please notify us if you change your address.** Though we make every effort to keep our lists up-to-date, we have lost contact with a few Friends through not being informed of a change of address.

## NOVEMBER 1988 IN RETROSPECT

The first half of the month of November was filled with a number of important Services on which we can look back with thanksgiving.

Thursday 3rd November. Choral Evensong at 6.00 p.m. took on a special dimension. We welcomed among us some 200 members of staff and students with their chaplains from the Colleges of the Dublin Institute of Technology. They came to dedicate to the glory of God and to the service of their fellows all the work and studies of the new academic year. The Dean bade them all welcome. Staff and students shared largely in the Service. The Lessons were read by them and the occasional prayers, which all had a bearing on their vocation and work as students, were said by them. All the chaplains joined with the Dean in giving the Blessing. The Choir of Christ Church under Peter Sweeney's guidance led the music and singing which had that beauty and sensitivity which seems to be peculiar to Evensong.

Sunday 6th November. By general consent Citizenship Service this year was voted the best in a very long line of great Services. Crowds of men, women and children from every walk of life packed the Cathedral. The Choir of Christ Church, under the direction of Peter Sweeney, Organist and Director of Music, sang superbly and their unaccompanied pieces were measured, precise and beautiful. The Archbishop preached a splendid Sermon. It was a fine review of the ideas and hopes of the Millennium Year. Also it pointed us to the path which we should tread for the days to come. Very many distinguished persons were present. Prayers for a wide spectrum of the life of the city were said by representative people, men and women. Lay members of the Board who do so much for the Cathedral as well as those who care for it daily had an honoured place. The commentator in the Cathedral did a magnificent job. We may well thank God for a wonderful Service.

Sunday 13th November. On this day at 3.30 p.m. there was an Ecumenical Service in honour of St. Laurence O'Toole. It was the First Evensong of the Feast of St. Laurence. A good congregation was led by The President. The leaders of the various Christian traditions were present and participated. We were happy to welcome Archbishop Connell to Christ Church. The Lessons were read by The Lord Mayor of Dublin and The Mayor of EU. M. Duhornay was one of a group of people from EU in Normandy who had come to Dublin to share in the celebrations in honour of St. Laurence.

Monday 14th November. This was the feast of St. Laurence and all the Canons were present at the traditional Chapter Eucharist. Later after lunch the Chapter met to transact their business. The resignation of Canon McClatchie from the office of Precentor was received with much regret. A resolution of warm and grateful thanks to him for all that he had done for us was passed unanimously. The Chapter then elected Canon J. R. Bartlett as our new Precentor. He made a brief but moving speech in response to the Chapter's applause. We all bade him welcome.

Acknowledgment: **Church Review**

# AMERICAN DINNER PARTY

**IS GENEROUSLY SPONSORED BY JURYS HOTEL GROUP plc**

**The Menus submitted will be judged by the Executive Chef of Jurys Hotel, Dublin.**

**The prize for the three winning couples will be a gourmet meal, specially prepared for them by the Chef in JURYS award-winning Kish Restaurant.**

**The Competition will run until the autumn, and a closing date for entries will be announced in the May Newsletter.**

In the last Newsletter we mentioned the **American Dinner Party** and invited Friends to participate. The idea, in case readers have forgotten, is to give a Dinner Party for, say, six friends who are invited to pay £5 for the privilege. You as host/competitor may not spend more than **£1.50 per diner** on food to provide a four-course meal. The difference between the diners' payment and the cost of the meal is given to the Cathedral.

Hosts should also send a copy of their menu so that these can be judged by Jurys Hotel chef. We are delighted with Jurys generous sponsorship and the exciting prize they are offering.

I appreciate that the run-up to Christmas is probably a period of low-response to the idea of an **American Dinner Party** but some Friends have already responded and (maybe to their surprise) had great fun. Miss Beatrice Lunney, some of whose friends do not like to go out at night, solved that particular problem by inviting her guests to Lunch. They had a lovely time - I had a report form one of her guests - and Miss Lunney sent a cheque for £31.50 towards Cathedral maintenance. What a marvellous effort! Mrs. Daphne Durham invited six friends of hers, but who were largely unknown to each other. Result - a lovely meal, new friends made and 'crack' that went on till midnight. And a handsome contribution to the funds followed.

These are just two examples of what can be done. Modesty forbids mentioning another which I attended. In all of the meals so far one thing is crystal clear - **THEY WERE FUN.**

We do need Friends' support and now that Christmas festivities have ended and it is still too dark for work in the garden the time may be opportune to organise your party. There's no need of an entry form. Just send your name and address, together with your menu and subscription to me, Harry Carroll, or our Hon. Treasurer Terence Read, at The Chapter House. And if you want any more details, please do not hesitate to call me at 01-853971 and I shall read extracts for you from my favourite recipe book "Entertaining on a Shoestring" by I.M. SKINNIE.

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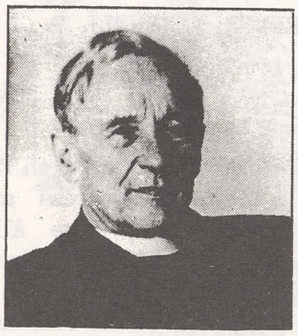
EXPLORING

# the Book of Kells



George Otto Simms is a world-renowned authority on the Book of Kells. Born in 1910, he took his BA, MA, BD, PhD and DD degrees at Trinity College. He was the (Anglican) Church of Ireland Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland.

**DR. GEORGE SIMMS WILL GIVE AN ILLUSTRATED TALK ON "THE BOOK OF KELLS" IN THE CATHEDRAL ON WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL AT 8 P.M.**

ADMISSION £ 2.50
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Tickets available from :
the Cathedral; McCullough Pigott Ltd; and at the door.

*The world's most famous book brought to life in a beautiful way . . .*

The Book of Kells consists of 680 pages of handwritten and gorgeously illustrated work that has survived twelve hundred years. It was written by the monks of ancient Ireland. These monks prepared the skins for the vellum, and the inks and colours, quills and brushes were all handcrafted in the monastery.
Writing in the scriptorium was a central part of life in the monastery. Here, George Otto Simms tells about the life of these monks, why and how they made the famous Book of Kells, and in a simple and entertaining way leads us to appreciate the detail and content of this superb treasure.

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# DIOCESAN QUIZ

## A TENDER FAREWELL ?

Our third running of the Quiz in Dublin and Glendalough has got off to a good start, and at the moment of writing Stillorgan, Dun Laoghaire and Tallaght have already played and Rathdrum, Whitechurch, Lucan, Tullow and Powerscourt have firmed up on their dates. At least 25 parish representatives have assured the organiser of their intention to take part in what, unfortunately looks likely to be the final Diocesan Quiz.

Allied Irish Banks have generously sponsored this event and to them and Mr. Ivan Johnston of that organisation the Friends' Committee will be eternally grateful. However, it is not the Bank's practice to sponsor any event for more than 3 years and so, unless another equally generous benefactor arrives, it appears that the Quiz must, regretfully, end.

We have not succeeded in our ambition to have every parish in the United Dioceses take part. Some came and went, others were too 'full up' with other events and some just didn't bother. As they say in show business - 'you can't win them all'.

Looking back over the 3 years of the Quiz's life I have happy memories of meeting so many charming people that it would be impossible to list them all but some do stand out. The red-headed kid in Tallaght; the generosity of Kilterman on my birthday which coincided with their event; the 'Welcome' sign in Timolin; Canon Baynham's doubts happily resolved by the wonderful support of Castlemacadam folk; and Rev. Alan Barrett's concern about my having to travel long distances - these will all remain in my memory.

And who, trying to run a Diocesan anything, could forget the help and support of people like Thea Boyle (Zion), Ernie Smythe (Killiney), Harry and Edie Sheppard (Stillorgan) and Charles Guinness (Whitechurch) ? And lest I be accused of Southside prejudice I gratefully acknowledge the support and enthusiasm in Swords, Clontarf, Glasnevin, Howth and North Strand - to whose rector many congratulations on his recent appointment. We never got as far as Skerries or Malahide but Coolock/Raheny, though late in arriving, made up with gusto.

Going around the parishes not only gave me the opportunity to meet new friends but also to renew old acquaintances - like with Eric Despard, from whom I borrowed a dress suit (tails) for my first Dress Dance; like Allen Wilson who was ahead of me (just) in Kilkenny College; like Austin Carry with whom I played in Old Wesley and whose rugby skills and outstanding sportsmanship are as well remembered today as when he was in his heyday; like Horace McKinley, another Old Wesley stalwart, with whom I had an interesting conversation when we were both visiting the same young lady in the Rotunda Hospital - Horace as her rector and I as her Dad. Oh, what a happy day that was.

Through the Quiz I have had the pleasure of meeting again those splendid fellows. Of course not only fellows have figured because among the best and most helpful organisers have been 'les girls', Jean Van Der Lee (Kilterman), Elizabeth Hurley (Tullow), Iris Acheson (Clontarf), and Georgina Masterson (Powerscourt & Kilbride) who assembled a team of girls only, like Ivy Benson's band, to run their heat - and what a marvellous job they made of it. Thanks also to the Friends' Committee members for their support and encouragement without which the Quiz would not have got off the ground in the first place. And, naturally, thanks to the Dean (remember Corkonians' reference to 'the real Taoiseach') whose friendly persuasion overcame all doubts.

But perhaps the best is yet to come and writing the Quiz's obituary might prove, as for Mark Twain, premature. Perhaps we will get another sponsor, perhaps <u>all</u> the parishes will take part, perhaps ..... who knows what our Heavenly Father will decide ?

But one thing is certain and cannot be denied - that the players have contributed £2000 to the Mount Elgon Project and will contribute at least £1000 to our brothers and sisters in Sudan as well as raising good sums for the parishes themselves and the Cathedral. So many thanks to any of our readers who played in the fun event which has as one of its objectives **"to strengthen the bonds between the parishes and their Cathedral."**

Contributed by Harry Carroll, whose comments and observations are, as usual, his own and not necessarily those of the Editor.



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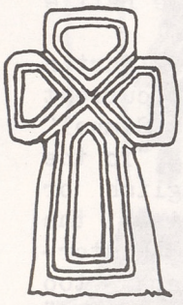
## FRIENDS' OUTING TO WICKLOW - SATURDAY 6TH MAY 1989

The first outing of the year, on **Saturday 6th May**, will be to Wicklow, visiting **RUSSBOROUGH HOUSE and GLENDALOUGH.** This will be additional to our usual programme : the Spring Outing will be in June, probably to Cork.
On Saturday 6th May, the party will leave the Cathedral by coach at 10 a.m. There is some parking space in the grounds for those leaving cars.
Our first stop will be at Russborough House, where we will have a conducted tour. Friends should bring a packed lunch, which may be eaten in the tea-room there or we can picnic at the lakeside if weather permits. Tea/coffee will be provided.
After lunch, we will drive to Glendalough. At the magnificent new Visitor Centre, we will see Dr. Peter Harbison's audio-visual presentation and the historical display, followed by a conducted tour of the ruins.
A high tea has been booked at the Wicklow Heather, Laragh. There is a choice of hot grill (egg,bacon,etc); hot chicken & chips; cold plate of chicken & ham - all served with homemade brown bread and tea/coffee.
Please remember to indicate your choice on the form. **The cost of the outing will be £13** - this includes coach travel, entrance to Russborough, entrance to Glendalough Visitor Centre, & high tea at Laragh.
**Please send your completed form,together with remittance(cheques payable to 'Friends of Christ Church Cathedral') to Miss Stella Mew, Rathdown School, Glenageary, Co. Dublin, to arrive by Friday 28th April at the latest.**



### Russborough

Just south of Blessington on the road to Poulaphouca village is this 18th century Palladian House by Richard Castle. Built between 1740 and 1750 for the First Earl of Milltown, it contains fine examples of Francini plasterwork. Now in the care of the Alfred Beit Foundation, Russborough houses the magnificent Beit art collection, including paintings by Goya, Reubens and Velazquez. An outstanding collection of Irish silver of the period 1680 to 1820 is also on view. The rhododendron garden is open from late spring through early summer. Russborough is also a venue for the Festival of Music in Great Irish Houses in June.

### Glendalough

Glendalough, famed for its beautiful scenery and historic monuments has been a centre for pilgrims and visitors from the time of St. Kevin.

This is where St. Kevin, descendant of one of the ruling families in Leinster founded his monastery in the sixth century. Kevin or Coemhghein meaning 'fair begotten' was born early in the sixth century. As a boy, he studied while in the care of three holy men, Eoghan, Lochan and Éanna. During this time he went to Glendalough and lived, we are told, 'in the hollow of a tree'. He left the valley, only to return later as a hermit, in search of solitude. He lived in the area of the Upper Lake, where we find St. Kevin's Bed, his Cell and Temple-na-Skellig. His fame as a holy man spread, and he attracted numerous followers. The monastic settlement expanded at the Upper Lake and at the monastic city in the centre of the valley. St. Kevin became Abbot of the Monastery of Glendalough in 570. He died in 617 or 618. For six centuries, Glendalough flourished and many references in the Irish Annals describe the activities of successive Abbots and visitors to the area. The monastery was subjected to frequent plundering, burning and rebuilding in its lifetime. The destruction of the monastery by English forces in 1398 left it a ruin to the present day.

At the Synod of Rath Breasail in 1111, Glendalough was designated one of the two sees of North Leinster. St. Laurence O'Toole, born in 1128, became Abbot of Glendalough, and was well known for his sanctity and his hospitality. Even after his appointment as Archbishop of Dublin in 1162, he returned occasionally to the solitude of St. Kevin's Bed. He died in Eu in Normandy in 1180.

The Norman invasion occurred during the lifetime of Laurence O'Toole and with it began the gradual decline of the Irish monastic system. In 1216, the dioceses of Glendalough and Dublin were united and from this time onwards, the cultural and ecclesiastical status of Glendalough diminished. The site, however, continued to be a focus for pilgrims, and many descriptions of Glendalough in the 18th and 19th centuries include reference to occasions of 'riotous assembly' on the saint's feast day on June 3rd.

The present remains in Glendalough tell only a small part of the monastic story. The monastery in its heyday would have included numerous dwellings, workshops, areas for manuscript writing and copying, guest houses, infirmary and farm buildings. The buildings which survive probably date from between the 8th and 12th centuries.

The valley of Glendalough contains a series of carved and plain stone slabs and crosses, some of which may have marked stations on the pilgrim's route. Decoration on these, where it occurs, is relatively simple in style, due to the coarse-grained nature of the local granite and mica-schist used.

*Latest Friends' publication*

LAMBERT SIMNEL

# The Crowning of a King

*Given at the Joe Coady Memorial Lecture in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, on 24th May 1987 by F.X. Martin O.S.A., Professor of Medieval History, University College Dublin.*

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Review by Canon Albert Stokes.

CELEBRATION OF THE MILLENNIUM has sent many Dubliners back to the study of the history of their City. That history contains at least three "Whodunnits". Who stole the Crown Jewels from Dublin Castle in 1907 when Lord Aberdeen was Lord Lieutenant ? What happened to the Crown of Ireland which was worn by King James II when he opened the Patriot Parliament at the King's Inns exactly 300 years ago in May 1689 ? And who was "Lambert Simnel" who was crowned King Edward VI in Christ Church Cathedral 500 years ago on Whitsunday 1487 ?

It was this last question which Dublin's best known historian, Father F.X. Martin, set out to answer when he gave the first Joe Coady lecture in Christ Church on Whitsunday 1987. Was the 12 year old boy who was crowned in the cathedral by the Archbishop of Dublin the true heir to hthe Yorkist kings of England ? Was he Edward, Earl of Warwick, cousin and male heir of the little Princes in the Tower ? Had he a better title to the Crown than the first of the Tudors, Henry VII, whose kingship flowed from his victory over Richard III at the Battle of Bosworth ?

In his lecture Professor Martin challenges the long-held view current among historians that "Lambert Simnel" was an imposter and a fraud. "To the best of my knowledge no English or Irish historian has scrutinised the evidence with an open mind." "Historians have succumbed perhaps too readily to the official "hand-outs" which were announced in 1487 by Tudor agents." "In present-day terms, the tapes were destroyed, the documents were shredded. The Tudor monarchs were nothing if not thorough - think of Henry VII, Henry VIII, Mary and Elizabeth I. Modern rulers in crisis could wickedly learn much from them about the preservation, and more importantly, about the destruction of records."

Professor Martin's lecture deserves to be read widely by all who want to know what really happened in Irish history, and not least by Leaving Certificate students who are studying the history of Ireland between 1477 and 1603, and by those who teach them, or set their examination papers.

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**LAMBERT SIMNEL**

The Crowning of a King at Dublin, 24th May 1497

**by Prof. F.X. Martin,O.S.A.**

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# FRIENDS VISIT COVENTRY CATHEDRAL

**A party of 46 Friends of Christ Church, led by the Dean, the Very Reverend Tom Salmon, visited Coventry Cathedral on the weekend 7-9 October. The central part of the visit was the Sung Eucharist on Sunday, using the Coventry Creation Festival Liturgy.**

This liturgy derives from the coming together of all the major faiths at Assisi in 1986 at the invitation of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). The world-wide discussions that followed, from temples to mosques, Buddhist monasteries to the Vatican, stimulated the faiths and enabled them to respond in their own ways to the threat to life on earth. Through worship, Bible study and meditation it is hoped that Christians will rediscover the God-given responsibility to care for our world. The Coventry Creation Festival Liturgy is designed to provoke thought, prayer, reflection and action around the Christian understanding of Creation. We have a choice — life or death — and only through rediscovery of our understanding of creation, salvation, resurrection and liberation can we begin to make our way forward.

In September 1989, at Canterbury, all the major faiths in Britain — Baha'is, Buddhists, Christians, Hindus, Jews, Muslims and Sikhs — will come together, each in their own ways, to share their concern for the environment, in a Festival of Faith and the Environment.

The pilgrims from Dublin were warmly welcomed at the Service by the Provost of Coventry, the Very Reverend John Petty.

The Friends stayed in Stratford-on-Avon, and visited the Shakespeare properties, the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, and Warwick Castle during a most enjoyable weekend. They also included a visit to St. Asaph's Cathedral in North Wales, which this year celebrates the 400th anniversary of the translation of the Bible into Welsh.

This is the third year in which the Friends of Christ Church have made a weekend trip to an English Cathedral, and it has become a popular feature of the year's busy programme. Anyone wishing to know more about the Friends' activities should write to The Friends of Christ Church Cathedral, The Chapter House, Dublin 8.

<- This magnificent bronze sculpture by Sir Jacob Epstein depicts St. Michael, patron saint of the cathedral, defeating the Devil.

## MENTALLY DEFICIENT?

Gale-force winds blew through the night of 6th October, and those who were preparing for the Friends' Pilgrimage to Stratford-upon-Avon and to Coventry and who listened to the 7.00 a.m. radio weather forecast the next morning heard the grim warning 'howling North winds are sweeping across the Irish Sea'.

As we assembled at Dun Laoghaire shortly before 8.00 a.m., one who had listened to this forecast remarked to a group of us 'Are we really mentally deficient in going ahead with our pilgrimage in the face of such a warning?' How wrong can we be! On the St. Columba we set out on the first phase of what was to be a truly wonderful adventure. Our company was just less than 50. Those of us who preferred to sit in our lounge and chat did so, but others of us who had looked forward to enjoying the sea walked on the deck in glorious golden sunshine. The floods had indeed lifted up their voice, and it was a thing of wonder and joy to watch the mighty breakers of the sea, the white horses and the flying spume. One almost expected to see Father Neptune raise his placid head above the waves.

Almost all of us had 'brunch', an excellent meal combining breakfast and lunch, which was served on the boat up to 12.00 noon. We sat at tables which were as steady as those in our own homes.

At Holyhead our faithful and friendly driver, Avon whom we had last year, awaited us; and so we took our pilgrimage. Our drive was in lovely sunshine, and whereas last year we saw St. Asaph's Cathedral through mist and rain and greeted it afar off, this year we visited it on a serene and bright afternoon. St. Asaph is a lovely Cathedral. Some of us went into the Translators Chapel, a place of calm and prayer. There we remembered some of our Friends who were no longer with us, and those who were absent through illness or some other cause, such as Mr. and Mrs. Stephen and Mr. Charles Bentley.

After a pleasant drive through the Welsh and English countryside we arrived at the Grosvenor House Hotel in Stratford-upon-Avon. There we had an excellent dinner and then settled into our rooms. Just as we did last year we then said Compline. Afterwards some of us sat around for a while and chatted. Others took a walk through the town to spy out the land.

Next morning at 9.30 a.m. we set off in our coach for a tour of all the places associated with Shakespeare — Royal Shakespeare Theatre and the Swan Theatre, the Shakespeare Centre, Holy Trinity Church where Shakespeare was baptised and is buried, the Birthplace, the Grammar School, Anne Hathaway's Cottage and more, much more. Our guide, Joyce, was really excellent. She had a wide and exact knowledge of her subject and a deep love for it. We then drove to Coventry for lunch in the Cathedral Refectory. In our guided tour of Coventry Cathedral we heard its story both fearful and wonderful. We saw the vast tapestry and the 'West' window of clear glass with figures of angels and saints engraved upon it. We saw it all. Before Choral Evensong we presented to our guide, the Hon. Secretary of their Friends, as a personal gift a piece of Christ Church silver and a substantial present in sterling to the Friends of Coventry. Back in Stratford we went to the theatre after dinner.

On Sunday morning we were all present at the Sung Eucharist in the Cathedral Church of St. Michael Coventry, and before the Service we

# Friends visit Coventry Cathedral

presented to the Provost the medalion struck by the Royal Mint in honour of the 950th anniversary of Christ Church Cathedral. At the beginning of the Service the Provost thanked us for our gift and bade us welcome to Coventry.

After lunch we visited the Cathedral Treasury and saw 'The Spirit of Coventry' AV-presentation. It was a very moving experience. We left Coventry for Warwick Castle. Our first glimpse of Warwick was through heavy rain, but after our tour we were able to look back at the Castle through soft evening sunshine. Then back to our hotel for dinner and thence to Holyhead.

Each individual pilgrim wishes to share in this joint expression of thanks to Terence Read. His care and foresight, his attention to every detail for the well-being of each, made the Friends' Pilgrimage 1988 a time to keep.

Acknowledgment: Church Review

The Dean with Mrs. M. Fry after the Service. Mrs. Fry's late husband, the Rev. Henry Fry, was a son of Prof. Matty Fry of Trinity College Dublin.

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A number of Friends visiting Coventry inquired about The Community of the Cross of Nails. The following information may be of interest.

# The Community Of The Cross Of Nails

THE CROSS OF NAILS

From a smouldering beam which had fallen from the roof of the Cathedral after the bombing on 14th November, 1940, three large mediaeval nails were taken and wired into the shape of a Cross.

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THE COMMUNITY OF THE CROSS OF NAILS

The Community of the Cross of Nails is open to anyone who will make a commitment ...

... To a 'Way of Life' that through a common discipline commits us to prayer and social action.

... To share in prayer and in work for Reconciliation in every context of division or conflict, whether locally or internationally.

... To a common programme of action, which keeps all members aware of what is happening in the world.

... To pray for one another.

JOIN NOW and become part of the Community, which, throughout the world, shares a 'Way of Life', committed to Prayer, Fellowship and Action.

YOUR subscription will mean that you will receive details of this 'Way of Life' and have the opportunity to be involved ...

... IN PRAYER

You will receive:-

1. The Cross of Nails Cycle of Prayer for regular use.
2. An invitation to share an annual 'C.C.N. Weekend', starting in 1990. It will be the first weekend in July and the highlight will be the Service on the Sunday morning at 10.30a.m.

   At this Service we will pray together the Coventry Cathedral Litany of Reconciliation.

   IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COME, YOU ARE ASKED TO SHARE IN THE LITANY IN YOUR LANGUAGE BUT AT THE SAME TIME, so that prayer is offered world-wide by the whole Community.

... IN FELLOWSHIP

It is essential that we remain in communion both with God and with each other. In addition to the invitation to the special Annual Service and to pray, you will receive the 'Crossroads' publication, printed, simultaneously, in the United States and Coventry.

The first of the annual C.C.N. Weekends will start on Saturday, 7th July 1990. In the afternoon, there will be a 'State of the Nations' talk in the Cathedral and, in the evening, shared hospitality.

You will be asked to meet regularly with other C.C.N. members in your neighbourhood for prayer, learning and friendship. For all this, you will find guidelines in the C.C.N. 'Way of Life'.

... IN ACTION

In the past, the Community has helped to build a Hospital Wing in Dresden and houses of hope in Israel and Corrymeela, Northern Ireland.

Now, we are committed to promoting INTEGRATED EDUCATION in Belfast and Northern Ireland, bringing Catholic and Protestant young people together in schools.

Immediately, we are finding £5,000 to pay for vital equipment in four Nursery Schools. Later, we will be helping at all levels of education, primary, secondary and higher. Bringing people together in this way - true reconciliation - will be a new form of 'building', and wholly dependent on our giving.

Other projects of practical action will follow in places such as Nicaragua and South Africa.

In this way, prayer, fellowship and action will help us to grow together as a Community in the knowledge and love of Christ and our commitment to God's creation.

With love

Paul Oestreicher

John Petty

Paul Oestreicher
Director of International Ministry

John Petty
Provost of the Community

**Anyone wishing to have further information should write to : Mrs. Olga West, Secretary of the CNN, Coventry Cathedral, 7 Priory Row, Coventry CV1 5ES, England; or The Rev. Charles Kiblinger, President CNN, USA; St. James Episcopal Church, P.O.Box 4463, 3921 Oak Ridge Drive, Jackson, Mississipi 39216, USA.**
**The Annual Subscription, most of which goes to help the Integrated Schools in Northern Ireland, is £10 Sterling, or equivalent currency.**

## *Treasurer's Notes*

1988, our 950th Anniversary, was a year of records. The Cathedral received over 100,000 visitors, and the Friends welcomed 130 new members.
Through your generous support, financial contribution to the Cathedral set new records: subs from Friends exceeded £6,000; and the Cathedral benefitted by over £10,000 in gifts and subs from the Friends.
I would remind you that subscriptions for 1989 fell due on 1st January. Once again the initial response has been marvellous - even better than last year! And a special thanks to those thoughtful Friends who managed to make a small increase in their subs.

With very best wishes for 1989,

yours sincerely,

Terence Read

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**RINGERS' NEWS**

The ringers began the New Year in traditional fashion. A large crowd, brought out by the mild dry weather, celebrated in Christchurch Place, while we had a small party inside with a few friends. The newly painted walls of the ringing chamber were remarked by some who had not seen them for some time.

A fortnight before Christmas our Annual Dinner was held in the Music Room. We were very happy to have as our principal guests the Dean and Miss Salmon. Mr. David Taylor recalled the many changes in the belfry during the Dean's 21 years, and presented him with a silver plate, commemorating one of our ringing achievements, a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles, dedicated to him. We had an excellent meal and a most sociable evening.

Ringing continues apace. We have half a dozen learners and are regularly supported by ringers from John's Lane, St. Patrick's, and St. George's. We hold our A.G.M. on Sunday 29th January, where a major item of discussion will be our annual tour. This year the South of Ireland is proposed. Last year we went to Oxford, and before that to the North of Ireland. Going on previous experience we look forward to much ringing and enjoyable meeting with other ringers.

John Clarke, Secretary.

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ANNUAL**

# BRING & BUY SALE

**SATURDAY 1st APRIL 1989, 10.30 - 12.30**
**in THE CHAPTER HOUSE**
**[Limited parking in Cathedral grounds]**
**Admission 50p (incl. coffee)**

Contributions are welcomed at any time for the **Bric-a-Brac Stall** and the **Book Stall.**

There will a **Super Food Stall** and gifts of Cakes, Biscuits, Produce, etc., will be very welcome.

This Sale, and the **Christmas Fair**, are our main fundraising activities of the year. Please bring your friends and support it in every way you can.

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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| FEBRUARY | 12 | **BACH CANTATAS** - Cathedral Choir with Irish Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Nicholas Kreamer - 3.30 p.m., in the Cathedral |
| FEBRUARY | 18 | **GROSVENOR HIGH CHOIR, BELFAST** - Noon - 1 p.m., Cathedral |
| FEBRUARY | 19 | **BACH CANTATAS** - Cathedral Choir with Irish Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Nicholas Kreamer - 3.30 p.m., in the Cathedral |
| FEBRUARY | 24 | **INSTALLATION OF DEAN JOHN PATERSON - Evensong - 8 p.m.** |
| FEBRUARY | 26 | **GIRL GUIDES SERVICE** - 3.30 p.m. |
| MARCH | 14 | **RTE CHAMBER CHOIR** - 8 p.m., in the Cathedral |
| MARCH | 24 | **GOOD FRIDAY** - RTE Radio Broadcast - 2-3 p.m. |
| MARCH | 26 | **EASTER DAY** - SUNG EUCHARIST 11 a.m., the Archbishop celebrates and preaches |
| APRIL | 1 | **FRIENDS' BRING-AND-BUY SALE** - 10.30-12.30, in The Chapter House (See separate notice) |
| APRIL | 2 | **DUBLIN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA and GAUDETE SINGERS** (Conductor : John Hughes) 8 p.m. in the Cathedral. Programme includes "Requiem" by Durufle; Concerto for Organ, Strings and Timpani by Poulence (Soloist : Peter Sweeney) |
| [APRIL | 8 | Female Voices of the Cathedral Choir in a performance of Elgar's 'The Apostles'- National Concert Hall - 8 p.m.] |
| APRIL | 12 | **DIOCESAN QUIZ FINAL** - Christ Church Centre - 8 p.m. |
| APRIL | 18 | **FEIS CEOIL - ORGAN COMPETITION** - 10.30 a.m. - 9.30 p.m. |
| APRIL | 26 | **DR. SIMMS : ILLUSTRATED LECTURE ON THE BOOK OF KELLS**, in the Cathedral - 8 p.m. (See separate notice) |
| MAY | 6 | **ORGAN RECITAL** - ANDREAS LIEBIG, W. Germany - 12 Noon<br>**FRIENDS' OUTING TO GLENDALOUGH** (See separate notice) |
| MAY | 7 | **ADELAIDE HOSPITAL SERVICE** - 3.30 p.m. |
| MAY | 13 | **ORGAN RECITAL** - DEAN BILLMEYER, U.S.A. - 12 Noon |
| MAY | 20 | DUBLIN INTERNATIONAL ORGAN FESTIVAL - **FUND-RAISING MARATHON** - 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. |
| MAY | 21 | **TRINITY SUNDAY - FRIENDS' FESTIVAL SERVICE**, Sung Eucharist 11 a.m. |
| MAY | 26 | **JUNIOR CHORAL FESTIVAL** - 7.30 p.m. |
| MAY | 27 | **ORGAN RECITAL** - MARTIN SOUTER, U.K. - 12 Noon |

# INSTALLATION OF DEAN PATERSON

**The Very Reverend John Thomas Farquhar Paterson** will be installed as Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, and instituted as incumbent of the Cathedral Group of Parishes, at **Evensong at 8 p.m. on Friday 24th February 1989.** Dean Peterson will be the 30th Dean of the Cathedral in succession after Robert Paynswicke, who was Prior (1538-40) and Dean (1540-43), and 61st in succession since Prior Gervase was appointed in 1170 in the reign of Archbishop Lawrence O'Toole.

Friends wishing to attend the Service should apply immediately for tickets. Please address your envelope to: Dean's Installation, The Chapter House, Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin 8; and enclose a s.a.e. for reply.